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REMARKS***Claim Rejections - 35 USC §101***

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Pursuant to the Examiner's helpful suggestions, claim 1 has been amended in its preamble to recite "a computer-assisted" process, the use of the computer to complete the sales

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention by not providing sufficient antecedent basis for the limitation in the claims of a generic "set" of items. Claim 1 has been amended to correct this problem.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of all of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr. Anthony L. Birch (Reg. No. 26,122) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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